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SUMMARY: CAIRO RETURNS TO NORMAL AS CURFEW LIFTED AND MOST
TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM KEY CITY AREAS, ALTHOUGH REPUBLICAN GUARD
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STILL POSTED AROUND HOMES OF CABINET MEMBERS AND OTHER SENIOR
GOE OFFICIALS. YESTERDAYS FIVE HOUR NSC MEETING CHAIRE BY
SADAT, HEARD DETAILED REPORTS OF LAST WEEK'S RIOTS AND WILL
RESUME ITS PROBE TODAY. MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT, FROM
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC SOURCES, WIDELY REPORTED. COMMUNIST
RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIOTS STILL BEING STRESSED AS NUMBERS OF
ARRESTEES INCREASE. MAJOR PRESS THEME CONTINUES TO BE THAT

EGYPT'S SACRIFICES FOR ARAB CAUSE HAVE BEEN ILL-REQUITED
AND THAT WEALTHY ARAB STATES HAVE OBLIGATION PROVIDE NEEDED
ECONOMIC HELP. END SUMMARY.

1. CAIRO RETURNS TO NORMAL: WITH TOTAL LIFTING OF CURFEW YES-
TERDAY AFTERNOON, CAIRO HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL. MOST TROOPS
WERE ALSO WITHDRAWN YESTERDAY FROM KEY CITY AREAS, ALTHOUGH
REPUBLICAN GUARD TROOPERS STILL POSTED AT HOMES
OF PA SPEAKER MAR'I AND CABINET MEMBERS. TRAFFIC IS NORMAL
AS GOVT AND PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICES ARE ONCE AGAIN OPEN FOR
BUSINESS. SAME SITUATION REPORTEDLY OBTAINS IN OTHER CITIES.
ONE SENSES NOTICEABLE FEELING OF RELIEF AMONG POPULACE,
BUT ALSO AN AWARENESS THAT COUNTRY HAS PASSED THROUGH ONE
OF THE MOST SERIOUS ORDEALS YET EXPERIENCED. QUESTION BEING
ASKED BY RESPONSIBLE EGYPTIANS IS HOW TO PREVENT RECURRENCE.

2. NSC MEETING: PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS YESTERDAY'S FIVE
HOUR NSC MEETING, CHAIRED BY SADAT, TO PROBE LAST WEEK'S
EVENTS. BESIDES REGULAR PARTICIPANTS, I.E., SADAT, VP
MUBARAK, PRIMIN SALEM, PA SPEAKER MAR'I, DEPPRIMIN/FONMIN
FAHMY AND DEPPRIMIN WAR GAMASY, ANS ASU HEAD MUSTAPHA
KHALIL, TWO OTHERS WERE PRESENT: MININT SAYED FAHMY AND
GENERAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF KAMEL HASAL ALI. DETAILED REPORTS
PRESENTED COMPARING SECURITY SITUATION BEFORE AND AFTER
PRICE RIOTS, BUT NO DECISIONS TAKEN. MEETIN IS TO RESUME
TODAY AFTER WHICH, PRESS REPORTS, "PRESIDENT SADAT WILL
DETERMINE THE FUTURE STEPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESULTS OF THE
PROBE."

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3. SUPPORT FOR SADAT: IN ADDITION TELEPHONE CALLS TO SADAT
FROM SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMEIRY AND JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN,
PRESS REPORTS VARIOUS MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES: ALEXANDRIA LOCAL COUNCIL, PORT SAID
LEADERSHIP GROUP, CHAIRMAN OF MEHALLA WORKERS TRADE UNION,
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COPTIC "MILLET" COUNCIL, ASU SECRETARY
IN DAKHALIA, ETC.

4. COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT: PRESS, CLEARLY ON GOE INSTIGATION,
CONTINUES PUSH THEME OF COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY TO BURN CAIRO
ALA 1952. GOE SECURITY REPORTEDLY ARRESTED 45 MEMBERS OF
OUTLAWED COMMUNIST WORKER'S PARTY, AS WELL AS FOUR PROMINANT
LEFTIST JOURNALISTS, ON CHARGES OF INCITEMENT TO RIOT.
TOTAL OF 1270 PERSONS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED TO DATE FOR PAR-
TICIPATION IN RIOTS AND SABOTAGE WITH MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED.
ARRESTEES CLASSIFIED INTO THOSE HELD IN CUSTODY INDEFINITELY,
JUVENILES DETAINED IN CORRECTION INSTUTIONS AND FUVENILES
UNDER 12 WHO WERE HANDED OVER TO THEIR PARENTS.

5. NEED FOR ARAB ECONOMIC HELP: MAJOR THEME CONTINUES TO BE THAT EGYPT'S SACRIFICES IN BEHALF ARAB WORLD ILL-REQUITED AND THAT WEALTHY ARAB STATES OBLIGATED TO PROVED NEEDED ECONOMIC SUPPORT. DELEGATION FROM PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, ARAB SOCIALIST PARTY (GOVT PARTY) AND EGYPTIAN LABOR FEDERATION WILL BE SENT TO WEALTHY ARAB STATES TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH FACTS OF EGYPT'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ITS CAUSES.
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